

September Employment Rate Up Sharply

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment dipped slightly last month while total employment rose substantially, the government reported today.

Most of the gain, however, was among part-time workers and millions of Americans

suffered a drop in weekly earnings because of a shorter average work week, the Labor Department said.

UNCHANGED
Total unemployment edged down by 221,000 to 4.8 million and the jobless rate inched down from 6.1 to 6 per cent of

the nation's work force and the Bureau of Labor Statistics called it "virtually unchanged."

Total unemployment actually edged down 1.4 million, but on a seasonally adjusted basis the bureau figured it at an increase of 300,000 because it

usually drops more as youths working for the summer return to school.

The report said average weekly earnings of some 45 million rank-and-file workers dropped 27 cents to \$128.76 because of the shorter working hours in many industries. A

drop in the length of the work week usually signifies lagging business and production.

The average pay check was \$7.03, or 5.8 per cent, above a year earlier but after deduction for the 4.5 per cent increase in living costs over the period the gain was cut to

\$1.50 per week.

The bureau said average hourly earnings rose three cents to \$3.48, but that this was almost entirely a technical increase because many youths with lower paying jobs quit to go back to school, thus raising average pay for full-

time and part-time adult workers. The bureau said that after allowing for this technicality, average pay was figured down one cent per hour.

The bureau said, however, the total employment in the

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Liquid Gas Tanker Leak Closes I-94 Here

By PAUL SHERRINGTON
Staff Writer

A five-mile stretch of I-94 was shut down and morning traffic rerouted after highly volatile raw ethylene poured from a leak in the bottom of a tanker truck on Niles avenue

exit ramp of I-94, St. Joseph township, early today.

St. Joseph township firemen evacuated homes in the immediate area as concern over a possible explosion existed. Area police and firemen completely sealed off a 2,000-foot

area around the truck, allowing no one in the vicinity.

I-94 was shut down from the Red Arrow highway interchange in Lincoln township to M-139 in Benton township. Traffic was backed for miles as workers headed for their

jobs this morning. It was reopened about 8:30 a.m., after closing I-94 around Niles avenue for nearly 8 hours.

The tanker reportedly carried 9,000 gallons of fuel which was running from a two-inch leak in the bottom of the

truck. Traffic was backed for several miles on I-94 as early as 5 a.m. this morning, nearly four hours after the truck was first reported leaking. Police from a number of local agencies worked to reroute traffic.

Mrs. Judy Livonius, advertising and public relations manager for Northern Petrochemical, said that the precautions taken were necessary. When mixed with air, she said, ethylene is very volatile and explosive.

Raw ethylene, which was described as liquefied gas made from natural gas, was being carried in the tanker. Such fuel is used in the making of plastics, polyethylene plastic sheets and pipe, and anti-freeze.

Six people from Northern Petrochemical were sent to the scene of the accident, Mrs. Livonius said. These people helped in cleanup operations and transfer of the fuel to another tanker that was sent to the scene.

News photographers were asked by police not to take flash pictures anywhere near the scene, for fear of triggering the fuel.

The driver's name had not been obtained, as police directed their efforts to providing safety for the area. No injuries were reported.

Corporal Jerry Hyland of the Benton Harbor state police post said that first calls on the leakage were received at about 12:30 a.m. Friday. State police to the scene soon and for more help in handling the situation.

Police officers from the Berrien county sheriff's department, Benton township, and New Buffalo state police post all arrived before 2 a.m. St. Joseph township firemen also stood by and helped in overall operations.

Police learned that the truck had come from East Chicago, Ind., and was said to be carrying gas from Northern Petrochemical Co., Morris, Ill.

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TANKER LEAK CLOSES I-94: Liquid ethylene chemical spilled from a leak in this tanker truck and closed I-94 for a five-mile stretch from Stevensville to the M-139 exit this morning. The road was completely closed about 8 hours. Homes near the Niles avenue interchange were evacuated. Morning rush hour traffic on the highway was rerouted through the Twin Cities, causing long backups and delays. Raw ethylene is highly volatile and explosive when it hits air. Shown behind the truck is a white powdered solution used to help neutralize the gas. (Staff photo).

Michigan GI Released By Viet Cong!

By GEORGE ESPER
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TAY NINH, Vietnam (AP) — An American soldier, held prisoner by the Viet Cong for more than two years, was set free early today and walked barefoot eight hours to safety at an allied base camp 70 miles north of Saigon.

The U.S. Command in Saigon identified him as Staff Sgt. John C. Sexton Jr., 23, of Warren, Ohio. They said he was captured Aug. 12, 1969, when his armored unit was ambushed near An Loc, about 15 miles from where he was freed.

He was pronounced in "generally good" condition after being examined at an Army hospital. But field officers who saw Sexton said he looked "a little drawn" and his feet were cut and sore.

There also was some indication he may have suffered an arm wound, they said.

The soldier's father, John C. Sexton Sr., an auto assembly line worker in Warren, received the news of his son's release between three and four o'clock this morning.

"It's the best news in the world, sir," he explained.

The elder Sexton said the family learned of the sergeant's return to freedom when an Army casualty officer appeared at their door in the predawn darkness.

"I said, 'Lieutenant don't give me bad news this morning.' He said, 'It's just the other way around sir. Your son is in Saigon,' " the father said.

The sergeant called his father shortly after reaching Saigon. "I talked with him for two hours this morning. He said the first thing he wanted was a Christmas dinner with sweet potatoes and the works. I said you'll have that... It was mostly small talk."

Young Sexton didn't say why he was freed. He told his father, "They put me on the road and told me to go. I walked and walked and walked. My feet are plenty sore but I'm all right."

The Sexton family moved to the Detroit area in 1945 from Barboursville, Ky., Sexton said. They have lived in Warren since 1953 and the sergeant grew up here. He was graduated from Lincoln High School just before entering the Army.

The sergeant's father said his



PARENTS OF RELEASED POW: John C. Sexton Sr., and wife Mildred of Warren, Mich. hold pictures of their son John Jr., an Army Staff Sgt., released by the Viet Cong Friday after being held prisoner for more than two years. Photo at left was after high school graduation in 1966 and at right upon entering the Army in the same year. (AP Wirephoto)

son gave no indication when he will return to Warren. However, he said his son completed three years in the Army on Sept. 26 of that year and now has just over five years in the

service. A worker for General Motors' Chevrolet plant in Warren, the elder Sexton said, "I probably won't go to work for the next 30 days. I'm sure I'll get away with

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Nixon Depends On Cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has outlined a second-phase attack on inflation, based on wage-and-price con-

trols and "voluntary cooperation of the American people." There will be no ceiling on profits. But Nixon said his administration will call for cancellation of price increases that might result in profit windfalls.

STANDBY POWER

The President wants standby power to control interest rates and corporation dividends—but only "as a safeguard." He will ask Congress shortly for that authority and for a one-year extension of the Economic Stabilization Act under which he froze prices, wages and rents on Aug. 15, and on which he is basing Phase 2.

He announced in a nationally televised address Thursday night that he will appoint two new quasi-independent bodies—a 15-member Pay Board with four representatives each from labor, industry and the public, and a Price Commissioner of seven public members to administer price-wage-and-rent controls when the current 90-day freeze ends Nov. 13.

The President's anti-inflation goal, said the White House, is to hold consumer prices to a 2-to-3 per-cent annual rate of rise by

the end of 1972. Some economists said that could mean a guideline of 5 to 6 per cent a year for average wage increases, but the White House did not confirm that estimate.

The Cost of Living Council headed by Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally, will keep the top-level supervisory role it is exercising over Phase 1. The two new boards will be "quasi-autonomous," a White House official said, but the council can overrule their price or wage criteria if it feels they would not meet the anti-inflation goal.

"We will permit some adjustments of prices and wages that fairness demands, but we will not permit inflation to flare up again," Nixon said in his address.

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Missed Nixon's Speech

Letter Writer Listening To Another Proposal

Virginia Jones missed hearing President Nixon read parts of her letter to him during his network television announcement of economic plans. She was busy listening to her boyfriend propose marriage.

Mrs. Jones, a widow who lives in Woodbury, N.J., was one of four persons whose letters were quoted by the President Thursday night in his speech on Phase 2 economic policy.

She told newsmen later that she had been set to watch the President when her boyfriend, George Krajewski, offered her a diamond ring. She accepted.

Mrs. Jones, 42, a high school teacher and mother of two teen-aged sons, said she wrote the President "I would be losing about \$100 a month because of the freeze. But I am willing to sacrifice that \$100 if it is for the good of the country."

Mrs. Jones, a political inde-

pendent, said she also wrote to AFL-CIO President George Meany and Texas Gov. Preston Smith, chiding them for criticizing Nixon's wage-price freeze.

"I told them it was a shame they didn't give Nixon a chance to see if the freeze would work," she said. "I thought he really had something good in mind and I wanted to give him a chance to see if it worked."

The other three letter writers quoted by Nixon were identified as James L. Griffith of Wantagh, N.Y., Mrs. Robert J. Fuxa, of Pampa, Tex., and William F. Speers of Klamath Falls, Ore.

"I simply thought the President should be supported in his efforts to stop inflation," said Griffith, who retired five years ago after a 22-year career in the Army.

He noted that his two children are grown and on their own but, he said, "Just like everybody

else, I find my dollar is shrinking."

Mrs. Fuxa, 23, mother of three children and wife of a government employee, said the letter read by Nixon was not the first she had sent to the White House. "Several others," she said, were critical of administration Vietnam policies.

But in each case Nixon either answered her letter or referred it to the appropriate agency, she said, and as a result she felt the President is "interested in the people who write him."

She said the wage-price freeze "has stabilized the economy in Pampa in such things as groceries, clothing, etc., and the people in Pampa have cooperated."

Mrs. Fuxa, whose family is Republican, said that she has not decided yet whether she will vote for Nixon in 1972. "It all depends on what he does with the war," she explained.



BACKS PRESIDENT'S POLICIES: Virginia Jones admires a letter from President Nixon in which he thanks her for her letter supporting his wage-price freeze. Nixon mentioned her letter of support in his broadcast Thursday night. Mrs. Jones missed hearing part of her letter read to the nation by the President: she was listening to her boyfriend propose. With her is her 17-year-old son, by a former marriage, Randy. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Census Bureau Shouldn't Be A Political Pollster

There is little doubt the U. S. Census Bureau has one of the most extensive polling systems in the world. Its diennial census of the population, stores of data related to the population, and voluminous published information all qualify the bureau as an expert.

But is that any reason for the agency to become involved in polling the public on subjects unrelated to the census? The current bureau thinks so; a former head thinks not.

Involved is a request by the Cost of Living Council for a poll on public opinion about the freeze on prices, wages and rents. A former director of the bureau, Richard Scammon, says he believes the government is entering dangerous ground by permitting the bureau to engage in political polling.

Scammon says the government should turn to private pollsters for such information, as it has done in the

past. It is a pertinent point. Armed with the power of legal persuasion, and already intruding into sensitive ground with some of its census questions, the bureau could easily be placed in a Big Brother position by using its facilities for extracurricular activities.

It does not serve to increase credibility for current officials of the Census Bureau to claim the wage-price freeze issue is not a political one. Of course it is. The success or failure of the administration's economic game plan could be the decisive issue in the 1972 elections.

Private pollsters do a credible job of testing public sentiment on questions such as this. No matter how hard it tried, the Census Bureau could not avoid the fact it is a government agency. In asking questions about sensitive public issues, that alone can damage the objectivity of the replies.

Children And Television--- Reform Demand Growing

Anyone who doubts the impact of television on children need only reflect on the fact that Buffalo Bob, host of the 1950s TV program Howdy Doody, is one of the hottest properties on the college lecture circuit. The students who flock to see Buffalo Bob used to watch him on the tube or—in the case of a favored few—from the vantage point of the show's Peanut Gallery.

In Howdy Doody's heyday, television was generally regarded as harmless escapism. Not so today. Sociologists and parents have come to realize that TV can influence youthful behavior, and not always for the better. Thus, the networks are being pressured by the government and private organizations to increase the quantity and quality of children's programming.

Most complaints about TV programs aimed at youngsters center on violence. In June 1968, Saturday Review reported that an eight-hour sampling of television on Saturday—a big TV-watching day for children—was filled with episodes of torture, beating, and killing. A new survey showed that "little if anything has changed," the magazine states in its current issue.

The National Association of Broadcasters disputes this view. "All three national networks have recently come up with new ideas in children's programming," NAB vice president for television William Carlisle told Editorial Research Reports. "All of these—the NBC afternoon programs, the CBS morning programs, the ABC prime-time specials—emphasize education in an entertaining, non-violent format."

It is sometimes argued that violence on TV has a cathartic effect—that is, it tends to dissipate any aggressive impulses in viewers. But a recent study conducted at Pennsylvania State University reported that just the opposite is true. The researchers found that a group of youngsters exposed over a four-week period to 12 programs

classified as "aggressive"—including Superman and Batman—displayed increased physical or verbal aggression, or both.

The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Television and Social Behavior may well reach similar conclusions. Two researchers for the committee told the American Psychological Association's convention, Sept. 4, that evidence indicates children are using violence on television as "a partial guide for their own actions." The committee's report is to be submitted by the end of 1971.

Meanwhile, the Federal Communications Commission has set up a task force on children's programming and is itself in the midst of an inquiry into the subject. Broadcasting magazine reports that the probe has attracted 80,000 pieces of mail, "a broader and more emotional response than any FCC proceeding."

For their part, the networks already are trying to upgrade the quality of children's shows. NBC has announced plans to produce a half-hour, Monday-through-Friday series in 1972 that will have "a balanced educational—entertainment format, with the accent on learning." At least two new children's programs now on the air, The Jackson Five and Lidsville, have gotten high marks from critics.

However, the NAB opposes a petition filed with the FCC proposing elimination of commercials from children's shows and a weekly minimum of 14 hours of such programming. These are stiff and perhaps unattainable demands, but the climate of opinion at the FCC and among the viewing public clearly is reform-minded.

Some of the questions may be resolved shortly. The Second National Symposium on Children and Television, sponsored by Action for Children's Television and the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on public information, will be held Oct. 18 in Chicago.

No Smallpox In U.S.

States requiring routine smallpox vaccinations for children before entering school were asked to end them by the surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Jesse L. Steinfeld terms them unnecessary because there have been no smallpox cases in the U. S. in 22 years.

In the Western Hemisphere, only 19 cases were reported for the first six months this year, compared to 7,380 cases as recently as 1969. The world's smallpox total has dropped to 30,000 cases a year.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has recommended that shots be given only to hospital personnel and persons traveling to countries where smallpox has not been eradicated.

Thus is another important milestone in medical achievements reached. Smallpox was long a scourge of mankind but is on the point of being eradicated.

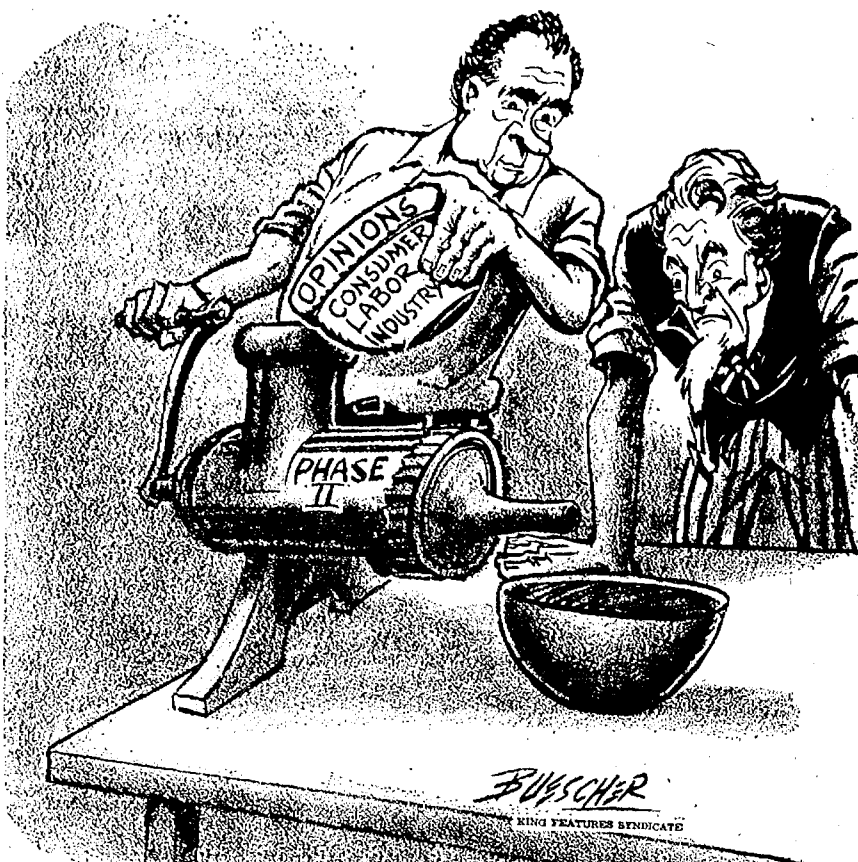
More Heart

Navy Secretary John Chaffee thinks his service could show a little more heart, at least at retirement time. After reading retirement orders for admirals and other senior commanders which are so stilted they sound almost as if the men are being drummed out of the service, Chaffee wrote to his senior commanders:

"Would it wrench the system too much if a line were added that wasn't completely Pentagonese and conveyed a sense of appreciation and gratitude for the service given?"

Moroccan desert dwellers called "blue men" get their nickname from indigo dyed robes, whose color rubs off on hands, faces, and grizzled beards, National Geographic says.

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

BEARS EXTEND WINSTRIKING

—1 Year Ago—

The St. Joseph Bears added another victory to their growing list of cross country victims by defeating Kalamazoo Loy Norrix on the Riverview Park course, 15-42. It marked the first time in Loy Norrix harrier history that any team had scored 15 points on the knights. With No. 1 runner John Sullivan and Steve Norris sidelined because of slight injuries, Tim Tobin took over the top spot and ran the course in 12:36.

BEARS RIP LOY NORRIX

—10 Years Ago—

The St. Joseph Bears rolled to a 40-6 Big Six decision over the Loy Norrix Knights in Kalamazoo last night and gained undisputed possession of the conference lead.

The Bears won their fourth straight ball game of the season, their third in league play, and were boosted into the top spot when Buchanan beat Niles, 7-6. Niles, St. Joe's opponent next Friday, was the only other unbeaten team in the league.

FIGHT MAPPED ON NEUTRALITY

—30 Years Ago—

Congressional opponents of neutrality law revision decided today they would have to wage an all-out fight against President Roosevelt's request for authority to arm shipping, even though some of their ranks were not dead set against the idea of putting guns on merchantmen.

The big objective, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) explained, was to preserve the law's existing provisions prohibiting American-flag merchantmen from operating in combat zones of voyaging to belligerent ports.

WELCOME

—40 Years Ago—

Fred Null, new band and orchestra leader at the St. Joseph high school, and Fred Hansen, new mechanical drawing teacher and assistant coach, were given a welcome to their new jobs by the men of the high school faculty at a party last night.

PRICE-CUT

—50 Years Ago—

A one-cent cut in the price

of milk in St. Joseph took effect after an announcement made by Homer Gentry, manager of the St. Joseph Creamery company.

REMODELING

—40 Years Ago—

The old Barlow home, on Napier avenue which was purchased by John Habel, is being remodeled. A large porch will be added to the residence.

LAY FOUNDATION

—40 Years Ago—

The brick layers have commenced work on the foundation for the new addition to the Hotel Whitcomb.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor, The Herald-Press:

CRITICIZES THOSE WHO "WORSHIP DOLLAR"

Is God dead? I say no; if you think of a God as being the center of a person's religion.

Webster defines religion as "a person's principles" and since it is impossible for a person to live without principles than "God" lives. Therefore the true atheist never has or ever will exist. The religion I would like to give my opinion on is the one of the typical, establishment-oriented, status-seeking Americans who daily worship the "Almighty Dollar."

All the dollar is worth is the paper it's printed on and the ink used. How can a whole society fall victim to a god which is not significant but simply an idea thought up by man in one of his weaker moments. Today there are certain movements developed throughout the country based on "free society" (Free food, free clothes, free shelter, etc.). These groups have begun a battle aimed at destroying the "central god" of these people. No their god is not dead, yet.

But I sincerely hope that through these group studies, these establishment-oriented, status-seeking Americans may be freed from their god which are slowly draining them of their freedom.

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Editor, The Herald-Press:

MAN THANKS YOUNG MOTHERS

I would appreciate it if you would print this letter as a means of thanking the three young men who removed my young son from our automobile which was involved in an accident on route 31 Saturday morning.

Since I do not know who they are. Perhaps they will read this letter and know that we appreciate their help.

I would also like to thank the other people who assisted, because of the circumstances it was not possible to find out who they were and personally thank them.

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BRUCE BLOSSAT

Where Will Hanoi Try Next Strike?

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

WASHINGTON (NEA) — The first test of Hanoi's military intentions in the approaching dry season will be whether assault is made upon South Vietnam's highlands in Military Region 2, well north of Saigon.

The odds for an attack this time are not rated heavy. But the territory is very vulnerable, and North Vietnam's forces have the necessary capability to make serious trouble.

For one thing, Region 2 is lightly defended. Any major attack bent upon wide occupation of the land would almost surely compel the South Vietnamese to shift substantial forces northward from the heavily populated Saigon and Mekong delta areas.

Secondly, in Region 2 the Viet Cong's troublesome substructure has never been ripped out. There is nothing Hanoi likes better than to "prepare the battlefield" by directing saboteurs and other VC helpers to rise up against both the harried defenders and the civilians loyal to Saigon.

On the surface, Region 2 has to be put down as the least important part of South Vietnam. Thinly settled and markedly unproductive economically, it is in theory no great prize.

Yet a successful move there by the North Vietnamese would be a television spectacular in the United States and a clear shock to Saigon's military and political stability.

These consequences probably would not be minimized by the reality that the taking of Region 2 would be just about the cheapest main-force victory Hanoi could hope to achieve at this stage.

Qualified sources here do not believe the North Vietnamese are presently capable of decisive inroads either in northern Vietnam just below the DMZ, or in the truly

crucial zones from the Saigon area south.

This does not mean that an NV attack straight across the DMZ from North Vietnam would be easily dealt with. But there are sizable Saigon armies in that region, as well as the only two full U. S. ground combat divisions left in the country — the 101st Airborne and the Americal.

As for the southern sectors, Hanoi cannot hope to have large military effect until it has moved well-equipped, well-supplied manpower back into Cambodia's Parrot's Beak and other sanctuaries along the South Vietnamese border. The Reds make incursions there, but they have not reoccupied in force. Nor could they easily or quickly build the supply depots required to support an offensive against the delta.

Nevertheless, the experts here think Saigon and the whole delta would be imperiled if Hanoi slashed into Region 2 and thus flanked both the populous southern areas and the well-fortified northern lands.

Why, then, is the prospect of Region 2 assault not rated strong?

Our specialists say Hanoi is genuinely troubled over two things about Red China, its northern neighbor and supporter. One is what President Nixon's impending visit to Peking really means, the other is what truly is going in China these days. The surface indications of ferment are still largely unexplained.

Also, Hanoi may easily figure that waiting another year, for the 1972-73 dry season, will enlarge its chances of success, since presumably far fewer U. S. troops — and probably planes — will be left in Vietnam.

Furthermore, if reaction to Saigon's Oct. 3 one-candidate presidential election is seriously adverse within the country, the South Vietnamese army's morale, cohesion and capacity to resist attack may be greatly diminished by November of 1972.

So the odds look good for Hanoi waiting. Meanwhile we watch — uneasily.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North East South West
1♥ 1♠ 1♣ 1♦
Pass 1♦ ?

What would you bid now with each of the following hands?

1. ♠874 ♥A983 ♦QJ6 ♣K92
2. ♠KJ98 ♥J4 ♦K8 ♣AJ953
3. ♠10 ♥KQ72 ♦AJ95 ♣AJ87
4. ♠J53 ♥Q6 ♦K942 ♣KQ63

1. Two hearts. The redouble announced 10 or more points, but not necessarily trump support. By bidding two hearts over a spade, you identify not only the trump fit but also that the redouble was based on minimum values. The one extra point over a minimum redouble is nothing to get excited about. Of course, North will pass two hearts if he has only a minimum opening bid.

2. Double. Assuming that North has a normal opening bid and passes your penalty double, East is likely to wind up with his arm in a sling. He is a strong candidate to go down three—800 points—and, in fact, he may go down more than that. It would be a pity to allow him to get off the hook by bidding either two clubs or two no-trump at this point, especially when you

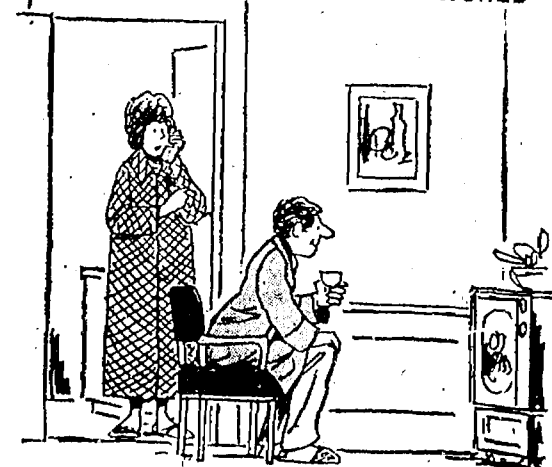
consider that some of the most rewarding doubles occur in the one level.

3. Two spades. Game in hearts must be considered certain and the spade cuebid is inserted to alert partner to the possibility of a slam. To jump to three hearts (forcing) would not fully reflect the promise of the hand, and some other bid—such as two spades—is needed to suggest a slam.

It may be argued that the cuebid advertises the ace or a void of spades. While this is generally true, one must nevertheless bend the rule from time to time when there are compensating values elsewhere. Certainly the minor suit holdings sitting over the doubler, and the excellent trump support and singleton spade, are ample justification for telling a white lie.

4. Pass. There is simply no better bid available at this point, and you therefore let the spade bid roll around to partner for appropriate action. If North were then to bid either a no-trump or two hearts — both weak bids — you would pass, for you would have no further values to declare. But if North named a new suit or made a jump rebid, you would of course bid again.

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"He used to just watch football in the afternoon, but now that they've upgraded the kids' morning shows—Saturdays are completely shot!"

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Road Commission Pleased With Low Bids

Berrien county road commission officials said they were pleased by apparent low bids of \$576,174 submitted Thursday for a new road commission headquarters in Benton township.

About 30 road commission officials, contractors and representatives from the Berrien county board of commission-

ers attended a bid opening Thursday at 11 a.m. at the present headquarters, 1121 Milton street, Benton Harbor, for general, mechanical and electrical contractors.

Winners are expected to be announced on or before next Thursday, and construction is expected to begin within 30 days. Road commission officials said they were pleased

because bids fell well within architect's estimates.

Apparent low bidders for the new headquarters, which has been billed as a \$7.5 million complex, are:

Does a Smith Associates, Inc., Kalamazoo, \$392,800 for the general contract; Ideal Plumbing & Heating Co., Benton Harbor, \$139,980 for the mechanical contract; and

Beaudoin Electrical Construction Co., Benton Harbor, \$43,394 for the electrical contract.

Five contractors bid on the general contract, four on the mechanical work and four on the electrical job. The road commission also accepted bids from three firms for termite-proofing the new headquarters' foundation.

The new headquarters will

rise on a 20-acre, \$39,000 site at Napier and York avenues, Benton township, which was bought by the commission earlier. Plans by D. J. McGrath & Associates of St. Joseph call for a 6,500 square foot office, a 21,000 square foot garage and more than 12,000 square feet of shops.

The old headquarters site, home of the road commission

since the early 1960s, will be offered for sale when the commission moves to the new one, hopefully next fall.

Other bidders Thursday were:

General — Pearson Construction Co., Inc., Benton Harbor, \$397,720; Poole Construction Co., Inc., Kalamazoo, \$425,000; Holland Construction Co., St. Joseph,

\$435,650; and Olson Brothers Co., South Haven, \$478,085.

Mechanical — City Plumbing & Heating Co., St. Joseph, \$141,573; O. J. Shoemaker, Inc., South Bend, \$149,500; and R. W. LaPine, Inc., Paw Paw, \$152,754.

Electrical — Beaudoin-Stuehl Electric Co., Inc., St. Joseph, \$49,450; Boyd Elec-

tric, Niles, \$49,964; and Mead & White Electrical Contractors, Inc., Bridgman, \$58,990.

Also received were pest control bids by Michigan Terminix Co., Battle Creek, \$1,388; Orkin Exterminating Co., Inc., Kalamazoo, \$1,429.43; and Excel Chemicals & Service, Inc., Benton Harbor, \$1,669.

Ross Field Project Advances

U.S. Leases Site For Control Tower

Twin Cities Airport board chairman John Banyon yesterday signed formal lease agreement with the federal government to set up an Airport Traffic Control tower

site.

Banyon was optimistic that the signing would be the first step in getting the control tower sooner than the Federal Aviation administration has

originally announced. Banyon said he had no information to expect the tower would be in operation before 1973, the latest word from the FAA. But as he signed the lease and reviewed the FAA instructions

he said he felt more confident that the long awaited facility is close to reality. He thought it might be in operation by next fall.

The letter with the copies of the lease indicated that bid

opening on the modular tower is scheduled for Nov. 1, 1971. "Hopefully, a contract will be awarded shortly thereafter and an estimated commissioning date for the ATCT at Benton Harbor can be es-

tablished," Alan H. Glass, chief, Airways Facilities division of the FAA, wrote.

The airport board moved quickly to install service facilities for the new tower. The low bid of Yerington-Harris to install a 192-foot sanitary sewer line for \$1,450 was accepted. There is a water line crossing the terminal site and telephone and power service is available, airport manager Edward Weisbruch said.

Wiring connecting the field lights to the new tower will also have to be installed, however.

The FAA has revised the tower site plan. The airport has leased 2.2 acres just east of the present terminal to the federal government. On this the FAA will place a trailer-type office and the 48-foot high tower. There will be parking for a dozen cars.

While the airport board was in session there was significant activity at Ross field. Two North Central Airline planes landed and discharged and took on passengers, a private plane took off on a business flight, a large four-engine plane belonging to Bendix Corp. was parked nearby and there were over a dozen small planes parked on the airport apron.



HISTORIC SIGNING: Chairman John Banyon (seated) of the Twin Cities Airport Board signs lease agreement with federal government which will lead to installation of Airport Traffic Control tower at Ross field. Secretary Ray Miller (standing) also signed for the airport. (Staff photo)

Hospital May Erect Niles Ave. Building

St. Joseph Planning Commission yesterday recommended special use permit for Memorial hospital to build a medical office building.

The recommendation of the planning commission now goes before the city commission for final action.

Planning commission members also approved the request of Edward J. Guernsey, a Benton Harbor barber, for

rezoneing a house at 715 Gard street from single family to restricted office-residence.

Citing neighbors' objections, the planning commission turned down a request by Realtor Robert Findling for a special use permit for a lot on Main street midway between Hoyt and Jones streets, postponed action of the request of Julian Karl to rezone a lot at 703 Columbia avenue until the

dimensions are checked and tabled the request of Walter Holton to rezone a former gas station at Main street and Central avenue into a sandwich take out shop.

Planning commissioners advised Robert Starks of Kerley & Starks Funeral home to develop plans on paper to raze two homes at 801 and 811 State street and expand his parking lot.

Memorial hospital Administrator Robert Bradburn and Trustee Bert Lindenfeld reviewed plans to build a medical office building on Niles avenue between Greenwood and Mohawk. The style of the building would be compatible with the Congregational church in the next block, there would be 10 off street parking spaces for each office. Reaction among neighbors appeared generally favorable, they said, when the plan was presented at a recent meeting at the hospital.

The building would not be tax exempt. The half-block is now zoned residential but it is doubtful if new homes would be built facing a major traffic artery, the hospital representatives said.

TIME LIMIT
The Planning Commission recommended a special use permit be granted that would run for a year. Whether or not the hospital will go ahead depends on economic feasibility, it was explained. The permit will be voided if construction is not begun within the year.

Gerring proposes to buy the frame dwelling on Gard and build a barber shop and wig salon. The property is now rezoned single family and the planning commission approved a recommendation to the city commission that it be rezoned to restricted office-residence. Rezoning would be done by St. Joseph city commission, following hearings.

Findling's proposal to build an eight-unit apartment house ran into objections from neighbors. Findling's proposal to permit some kind of commercial venture was rejected.



PAIR NEEDS PARENTS: Sisters "Pat" and "Bobbie" hope to find a single set of parents through the Berrien county social services department's homefinder. Mrs. Sally Benner, "Pat" is 11, a fifth grader earning Cs and Bs, and is happy and well-adjusted. "Bobbie" is 8, in the third grade, also earning Cs and Bs. Both are among the hundreds of black, white, biracial and handicapped child wards of the state for which the social services department is trying to locate permanent homes.

when planners said they could only act on the original request — that of the apartment house.

Karl wants to build a duplex on Columbia but the plans for his building were too large for the 50-foot wide lot. Karl said he would return with more detailed plot plans.

Holton said he would attempt to get more detailed plans from the man who wants to install a take-out type of sandwich shop in what has

been a gas station.

Starks said the buildings on State street behind the funeral home's present parking lot faced extensive repairs but before making a decision on whether to repair or raze, he wanted to sound out the planning commission. Chairman Neil Berndt recommended Starks bring in specific drawings.

Volunteers Needed For Cleanup

Lake Michigan college's ecology study group, TARA, is sponsoring an LMC Benton township campus clean-up Saturday and asks volunteers of all ages to report at the township campus east parking lot at 9 a.m. Saturday with clean-up implements.

The college will furnish lunch for volunteers who will pick up papers and bottles and debris the landscape, according to Mrs. Richard (Elizabeth) Smikle, editor of LMC's bi-weekly Journal. TARA stands for Terrestrial And Aquatic Research association, a student group.

Sessions Continue

Mediation session number seven was underway today between the Benton Harbor Education association and the Benton Harbor school board.

Both sides have been meeting since March 15, according to Milan Grey, co-chairman of the teachers' bargaining unit, and the issues still unsettled are salaries, elementary planning time, a pilot program to put administrators back in the classroom, and full family health insurance.

Mediator Pete Wilks was accompanied in today's session by Leo Walsh of Grand Rapids, regional director of the state Employment Relations commission.

The teachers recently filed for fact-finding and both sides will select fact-finders.

Stevensville Starts Turning Off Faucets

The Stevensville village council last night began closing out the village water department.

The village has kept its wells on standby while water mains were being installed to the village by the city of St. Joseph, but Mayor Arthur Kasewurm said the village was losing money by keeping the department open when no money was coming in.

The village water lines were sold to the county water authority when city water service began June 1.

Water department land rented from George Zink of, Plastronics Inc. will revert back to him and the pumps will be turned off.

Atty. Tom Adams was instructed to look into selling the water department property belonging to the village.

In other action, the council designated Sunday, Oct. 31, as trick or treat night, from 6-8 p.m. only.

In response to petitions from more than half the property owners of Phillips Drive, the council agreed to backstop, rather than seal coat, the road. Property owners will share the cost of the project at \$1.93 per running foot for each side of the road from John G.

Yerington Construction Co., Benton Harbor.

The tax payment period was extended to October 15, after which taxes must be paid at the courthouse.

The mayor is to contact Allen Grams, owner of Lakeshore Mobile Estates, who has

Gov. Milliken Leaves Tonight For Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. William Milliken and seven other governors leave tonight for a Department-sponsored trip to the Soviet Union and Rumania.

Milliken says he intends to look into prospects for expansion of Michigan markets in those countries.

A reception at the Soviet Embassy was planned for the group before departure.

Put Down Strike

SANTEE FE, N. M. (AP) — Guards using tear gas and clubs have put down a two-day strike by prisoners at New Mexico State Penitentiary. Seven inmates were injured.

installed septic tanks without the approval of the council and installed trailers before the park is hooked up with the sewer system.

The council agreed to share with the school system half the estimated cost of \$1,400 to install drains in front of the elementary schools so that backtracking and curbing of the Stevensville-Baroda road can continue beyond the school.

Herbie Rugtrett, trash collector, said that residents are violating regulations prohibiting more than three containers or containers larger than 30 gallons, 65 pounds or four feet in length. Trash must be in containers or plastic bags and must be delivered to the curb unless arrangements are made with the collector, he said.

Coloma Twp. Studies Bids For Carpet

COLOMA — Coloma township officials opened bids last night on carpeting for five rooms in the township hall now being remodeled, but delayed action pending further study.

Supervisor Roger Carter suggested that the board members get an expert opinion on which type of carpeting should be used. Four were covered by the bidders.

The bids ranged from a low of \$1,169 to the high of \$1,450.50. The area to be carpeted totals 167 square yards.

In other action, township officials reviewed literature concerning new office equipment needed to furnish the township supervisor's room and the clerk-treasurer's office.

Carter and Township trustee John Ferris will view the office equipment early next week before making recommendations to the entire board.

Mediator Will Enter Secretaries' Talks

A contract deadlock between the Benton Harbor Chapter of the Michigan Association of School Secretaries and the Benton Harbor board of education goes into mediation Tuesday.

State mediator Howard Case of Portage is scheduled to meet with negotiators for the secretaries and the board. The contract with secretaries expired June 30.

A statement from the secretaries chapter said that a number of issues are unresolved.

Executives Named At Saluto Foods

Frank N. Sidoti has been appointed treasurer of Saluto Foods Corp., Benton Harbor, manufacturer of Italian frozen



FRANK N. SIDOTI



MARVIN HAINER

foods specialties. He will be responsible for financial and administrative affairs.

Saluto president James P. DeLapa announced the appointment saying Sidoti's background of business and professional experience will help Saluto to maintain its rapid growth of the last several years.

DeLapa also announced appointment of Marvin Hainer as manager of accounting. His responsibilities include accounting and front office management.

Prior to joining Saluto Foods in 1969, Sidoti had his own public accounting firm in Marshall. Previously to that, he was with Herkner, Smits, Miskill and Johnson, CPAs of Benton Harbor, and with Oldsmobile Division of General Motors in Lansing.

Sidoti is a graduate of Michigan State university and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1962. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Michigan Association of CPAs, Knights of Columbus, and St. Bernard's Catholic church. He has served on the board of directors of Saluto Foods since 1966.

Sidoti and his wife, Agnes, are residents of the Stevensville area.

Prior to joining Saluto Foods, Hainer was manager of Anthony Oil Co. of Benton Harbor. He is a graduate of Andrews university and is a member of the Twin Cities Rotary Club, Berrien Hills Country Club, and the Benton Harbor Seventh Day Adventist church.

Hainer and his wife, Ginger, live in Fairplain and are the parents of a daughter, Vicki.

Court Refuses To Block Antlerless Deer Hunting

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich. (AP) — A panel of three circuit judges refused Thursday to block the hunting of does and fawns in Dickinson County this fall.

The judges rejected contentions that hunting of antlerless deer would impair or destroy the herd. They said the evidence in a two-day trial this week convinced them severe weather and food shortages were primarily responsible for the declining herd. They added a limited hunt is even beneficial to surviving deer.

The suit had been filed in July by State Rep. John Payant, R-Kingsford, under the state's year-old Environmental Protection Act. That law permits citizen suits to protect natural resources. Payant asked the court to stop the Department of Natural Resources from issuing permits for the hunting of antlerless deer this year. The legislature banned such hunting in the Upper Peninsula last year, but a season was set for Nov. 15-30 this year.

While saying the evidence of the DNR "greatly outweighs the

evidence brought against it," the judges also said the legislature—not the courts—should make changes "if the citizenry is not satisfied."

IDEA ACCEPTED

In some other cases filed under the environmental act, judges have accepted the idea of court intervention in the normal regulatory procedures of state agencies.

The environmental act gives circuit judges power to intervene to protect natural resources. None of the two dozen cases filed under the act to date

has gone any farther than circuit court.

The panel of circuit judges Ernest Brown of Iron Mountain, Bernard Davidson of Marquette and Donald Munro of Ontonagon said the DNR testimony "was largely of a scientific nature given by trained and experienced personnel."

The opinion said "Preponderance of the evidence convinces the court that the severity of winters in recent years and lack of suitable food for deer, particularly in or near deer yards in periods of deep

snow, are primarily responsible for the decline of the herd."

"The testimony further establishes that a large number of deer have died in recent years due to the harshness of the winters, lack of food and consequent starvation; and that not only does the taking of a limited number of antlerless deer result in harvesting deer which would die anyway, but it is also beneficial to the remaining deer in that they have a better chance of survival and are in a better condition to propagate the herd."

The court also noted "the legislature has, for more than 50 years, committed the department with the duty of protecting and conserving the deer herd. If the citizenry is not satisfied, it is suggested that it is up to the legislature, of which the plaintiff is a member, and not the court to change it."

If the court had ruled against the DNR, it was expected suits would have been filed in other Upper Peninsula counties to extend the ruling.

'DELIGHTED'

"I'm absolutely delighted," said DNR Director Ralph MacMullan. "I heartily agree with the judges — don't quite see how they could save me."

Pete Petoskey, chief of the department wildlife division, said the action "affirms biological management rather than political management of the deer herd."

"It seems assinine that so-called sportsmen could bring up such a case," said E.M. "Matt" Laitala of Hancock, a member of the Natural Resources Commission. "It was a case of trying to legalize ignorance." Payant said late Thursday he did not intend to appeal the ruling.



SABOTAGE: Coloma police removed ties and steel rods wedged in Chesapeake and Ohio railroad tracks late yesterday a short time before freight train was scheduled to pass over tracks. Officers said the three three-foot ties and rods could have caused derailment. According to officers, they were notified about situation at 4:52 p.m. and found the track blockage about one block from downtown business district. Site was same location where 10 cars of a 65-car train derailed Dec. 6, causing \$48,000 in damages. Ties and steel rods were left over from that derailment, officers said. The material was ordered removed. (Cliff Stevens photo)



CONTEST PLANNERS: Members of committee planning Van Buren county apple queen contest set for Oct. 29 review details during planning session. Site for contest is yet to be picked. Left to right are

Mrs. Barry Winkel, Hartford; Mrs. Burton Hills, Bangor; Mrs. Charles Stein, South Haven; Mrs. Douglas Meachum, Hartford; and Mrs. Arden Winkel, chairman, Hartford. (Righter photo)

Entry Deadline Saturday

Van Buren Apple Growers Will Pick Queen Oct. 29

HARTFORD — A Van Buren county apple queen contest has been set for Oct. 29.

Mrs. Arden Winkel, chairman of the group of women organizing the program, said deadline for filing has been set

for Saturday. Entries are to be submitted to Mrs. Winkel, route 1, Hartford. Mrs. Charles Stein, route 1, South

Haven, Mrs. Thomas Taylor, 419 Miller street, Paw Paw, or other committee members.

To enter, a contestant must be between the ages of 17-25, be single, and have a definite connection with the apple industry. The winner is to represent the county in the state queen contest set for Dec. 7 in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Winkel said no site had yet been picked for the Van Buren contest.

According to the sponsors, entry blanks are available at M-Lady's shop, Hartford; Van Buren State bank, Covert; Rexall Drug store, South Haven; Maake's Boutique, Bangor; Gobles pharmacy, Gobles; Hill's prescription shop, Paw Paw; Barber's Drug store, Lawton; Lawrence Hardware store, Lawrence; and Levin's department store, Decatur.

The sponsoring committee said this year's program was launched after Mrs. Alton Wendzel, Watervliet, chairman of the state contest, selected Mrs. Winkel as contest chairman. In past years, no one could be found to serve as chairman.

Three Oaks

Final Sewer Project Bills Approved For Payment

THREE OAKS — Payment of the final bills on the Three Oaks sanitary and storm sewer project were approved last night by the village council.

John Fisher, representing the engineering firm of Clyde E. Williams and Associates, South Bend, presented the sixth and final bill of \$25,532.17 from Woodruff and Sons, Michigan City, Ind., for construction of two sewage lagoon ponds, and a bill of \$1,014.46 from the engineering firm for preparing plans, specifications and overseeing the project. The project started early last year cost nearly \$1 million.

Ben Drier and Carl Bode, representing the Continental

Assurance Co., were present to review a retirement plan being considered for fulltime village employees.

Representatives of two other companies will be heard at future meetings before a decision is reached.

Fire Chief James Benhart presented plans for the possible purchase of a new fire truck. A meeting is planned in the near future with the Three Oaks township board for discussion of the issue. The fire department is a combined village and township operation.

In other business, the council approved the purchase of four new tires for the police patrol car from Zabel's Citgo

Service at a cost of \$116.68.

It was also decided to purchase three time certificates from the Bank of Three Oaks, one for \$15,000, designated for use toward a new fire truck; one for \$10,000, designated for a building fund for improvement of the village hall, and a third for \$20,000 for general use.

The council also voted to have Hoffman drain from Elm street to the sewage lagoon ponds cleaned by the Oselka Construction Co., Union Pier, at a cost \$1,950.

The hours of 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, were established as the official time for "trick or treating" in the village.

South Haven Police Nip Theft Try

SOUTH HAVEN — Two men were arrested early today as city police interrupted a burglary of South Haven Hardware store.

Charles Harrell, 18, of 828 Kalamazoo street, and Aaron Cobbs, 25, of 319 Fruit street, South Haven, were scheduled to be arraigned in Seventh district court on charges of breaking and entering.

Police said they are seeking a third man who may have been wounded by gunfire from the officers as he fled the scene.

Officers said they were alerted to the burglary of the Wolverine Hardware store, 420 Phoenix street, about 12:27 a.m. by a passerby.

Police said they arrested one man as he walked out a back door of the hardware. Two other men ran through a glass front door and were confronted by police. One escaped on foot. Police said they fired three shots as the suspect fled.

Harrell was treated and later released from South Haven Community hospital for cuts on the head and arms.

A state police tracking dog from the South Haven post was unable to locate the third man.

Police said they found approximately \$600 in assorted power tools from the Hardware store in a nearby parked car. Other merchandise was found near the back door of the building.

Berrien County School Enrollment Down 243 Students

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A tentative tally of Berrien county's public school count last Friday shows total enrollment at 45,168, down from 243 from last year, according to the Berrien Intermediate school district office here.

Martin Pschigoda, district administrative assistant, said the final official tally won't be known until on or after Oct. 15. Parochial enrollment in Berrien county also will be

reported then, he said.

Student head counts are sent to the state department of education for state aid to local districts on a per-student basis.

The tentative count should be identical or at most only off a few from the final count, Pschigoda added.

Tentative new counts put Benton Harbor, Brandywine, Galien, Niles and Riverside districts below their final official tallies of a year ago. All others are ahead.

The biggest increases were made in Watervliet, 115; Lakeshore, 99; St. Joseph, 75 and Coloma, 61.

Tentative student populations are (with final counts a year ago in parentheses):

Benton Harbor, 11,206 (11,728); Berrien Springs, 2,202 (2,155); Brandywine, 2,600 (2,677); Bridgman, 814 (792); Buchanan, 2,500 (2,486); Coloma, 3,112 (3,051); Eau Claire, 1,242 (1,214).

Galien, 908 (936); Lakeshore, 3,734 (3,635); New Buffalo, 1,502 (1,494); Niles, 6,573 (6,666); River Valley, 2,316 (2,313); St. Joseph, 4,484 (4,409); Watervliet, 1,790 (1,675); River, 85 (75); and Riverside, 100 (111).

River and Riverside are K-8 districts. All others are K-12.

The final count of parochial school student populations last year was 4,277. Pschigoda reported. Final parochial student populations won't be known this year until on or after Oct. 15.

Wirth Farm Designated 'Centennial'

THREE OAKS — A farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wirth, route 2, Three Oaks, has been designated as a centennial farm by the state historical commission.

The farm, located in Weesaw township, has been in the possession of the family since 1856. It was originally purchased Nov. 6, 1856 by John G. Wirth, great grandfather of the present owner.

Traffic Deaths

Oct. 8 State Police count:
This year 1,586
Last year 1,683

Van Buren Says Job Funds Now On Way

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren officials said Thursday that federal emergency employment funds for the county are not being "temporarily held up" at the state level.

Donald Hanson, chairman of the county board of commissioners, said he confirmed

Thursday morning, through state officials, that the \$305,300 to finance 37 jobs throughout the county had been approved and was to be forthcoming as previously announced.

He said the confirmation, following an initial Oct. 1 approval, came from Alan Bogatay, state project director

for emergency employment.

"We are authorized for funding," Hanson said.

The confirmation became necessary when Mrs. Carmen Smith of Covert released a letter from Gov. William Milliken saying the funds would be "temporarily held up until it can be determined whether or

not Covert received due consideration in the county's plan to utilize EEA monies."

The letter was dated Sept. 27.

County officials and Covert township officials met Oct. 1 with state officials to discuss complaints about the distribution of the EEA fund, Hanson

said.

Hanson said he was told Thursday, in the telephone conversation with Bogatay, that the "...Friday meeting satisfied any questions" state officials had about distribution of the job funds.

Hanson said additionally that he was told by Bogatay

that "...Our meeting supercedes the letter" by Gov. Milliken.

He quoted Bogatay as saying that the letter was sent as "a matter of routine" after telegrams and letter from Covert residents reached state officials.

Hanson said he could "not

understand" how Covert residents could rely on a Sept. 27 letter delivered before an Oct. 1 meeting during which funding was approved.

Mrs. Smith is a member of the Founder 69 Martin Luther King Center to which the governor's Sept. 27 letter was addressed.

Mrs. Smith said the Sept. 27 letter may have misled the group into believing that the temporary withholding of the funds would last beyond Oct. 1.

She said the Founder 69 organization did not receive a subsequent letter telling of the funding approval.